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For: Soluble, Associate Carboxymethylcellulose, Method of Making and Uses Thereof

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(E)

It is respectfully requested that the published art listed on the attached form, PTO-1449, be considered for making of record in the above-entitled application. A copy of the U.S. published patent application and international published art is enclosed.

Applicant notes that an Official Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorized the Assistant Commissioner to charge any fee(s) necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), to be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 08-1800.

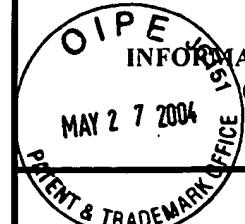
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (*Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.*)

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